# ADMIRALS LAND IN TRINIDAD

# U. S. FLAG OFFICERS EXCHANGE VISITS WITH GOV. JACKSON.

All Well on the Battleships and Men Enthusiastic After Quick Veyage-Fine Speciacle as Fleet Entered Port-Christmas Plans-The Tornedo Flotilia.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Evens, Rear Admiral Emory, commanding the second division of the battle fleet: Rear Admiral Thomas, commanding the third division, and Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the fourth division, together with the members of their staffs, went ashore to-day and proceeded to Government House, where they paid the usual formal call to Sir H. M. Jackson, Governor of the colony.

The Governor, who is just recovering from the effects of a surgical operation, at the request of Admiral Evans returned the visit at the Queen's Park Hotel, as the trip to the flagship would have been too fatiguing for him in his present condition. A number of the officers were received at the barracks of the constabulary by the officers of the corps.

The battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Evans reached its first port of call in its 11,000 mile voyage to the Pacific yesterday afternoon a full day ahead of schedule.

The ships entered the harbor in four divisions, and steaming past the city came to an anchorage in the Gulf of Paria about four miles from Port of Spain. The fleet made a fine spectacle as it swept through the Dragon's Mouth and down the harbor. The ships came to anchor in splendid form all the anchors dropping simultaneously with a splash.

The usual port ceremonies followed a once. The harbor master and health officer of the British colonial city called and pratique was granted without delay.

Admiral Evans gave shore liberty to the first class men. Two thousand of them from the various ships spent the day in tewn or about the island enjoying them selves after the usual custom of sailormen. The voyage from Hampton Roads was enccessful and uneventful.

The entire fleet witnessed a burial at se on Sunday. Robert Pipes, a seaman of the Alabama, who enlisted in Dallas in August, died of meningitis. The columns came to a stor, flags were half-masted and three volleys fired as the body was committed to the sea

The Missouri was detached to San Juan and the Illinois to Culebra, each to take a member of the crew who was ill to hospital, subsequently rejoining the fleet.

The Yankton was unable to keep up with the battleships, and by Saturday was so far behind that she was out of sight. She came into the harbor at midnight Monday, eight hours behind, and anchored with the fleet.

Admiral Evans conducted a briquette test on the Connecticut for six hours on Sunday

After cassing out of the cares the feet sailed for two days in four column formation, then proceeded in two column formation until approaching the ecast, when single column was the order. Heavy swells were encountered above

St. Thomas. From there on strong trade winds, with occasional brief showers, were Otherwise the weather was clear and fine There was constant drilling, routine drills

by day and practice in signalling at night A procismstion has been made to F!! ships regarding the Neptune equator ceremonies. It gives warning that "all inadlubbers, pollywogs and sea lawyers' will be unable to escape the initiation. Men with families were ordered to make while, and three-fourths of all the crews

wiff be ducked and barbered. The Minnesota will entertain all the officers in the afternoon on Christmas Day. There will be racing and boxing and a

general jubilation on every ship. Coaling started at daylight to-day The coal consumption during the trip here was slightly below expectation. Yesterday and to-day were pay days

shoard the fleet. The men are in high spirits over the prospect of a trip around the world.

The tornedo flotilla was to have sailed for Rio Janeiro this morning, but the start was checked again, as the Whipple damaged her propeller as soon as she got into thotton. The Lawrence disabled her valve gear eighty miles west of Trinidad on Sinday and the flotilla returned for repairs

The Whipple buried a seaman off Hatteras His death was caused by alcoholism. Another of the Whippie's men went insane. Two men of the Hull's crew went adrift in a dory in the Gulf of Paria on Monday

and were given up for lost. A search was kept up, however, and they were recovered that night. The Hopkins encountered a derelict off

Hatteras and slightly damaged her propeller. Generally speaking the people of Trinidad are not displaying any enthusiasm over the coming of the American fleet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Secertary of the Navy Metcalf sent the following Christmas greeting by telegraph to Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic ffeet, at Port of Spain, Trinidad:

"The Department extends to you and the officers and the men of your command best wishes for a merry Christmas. "METCALE."

## MRS.MONTGOMERY BURNED THEM Explanation of the Disappearance of the Banker's Vouchers.

No witnesses were examined yesterday by the Grand Jury in its investigation of the fairs of the Hamilton Bank, which went into the hands of a receiver on October 23. The investigation will be continued next

An explanation has been made to the District Attorney's office of how the vouchers and deposit slips of William R. Montgomery's account with the bank, of which he was vice-president and a director, were destroyed. Montgomery says that the the bank to his home, and his wife, not wishing that he should have too much notoriety, destroyed them.

The bank's records of the account remain

#### ERIE CUTS WAGES .. KIVER FULL OF LOST SHEEP

Of High Officers and Administrative Employees Brawing More Than 860 Monthly. The Erie Railroad announced yesterday a cut of 2 to 5 per cent. in the wages of administrative employees. The cut affects all the high officers of the road and all the others drawing more than \$60 a month, except those whose wages are fixed annually in conferences between labor unions and

the company, President Underwood, it was said, is affected to the amount of \$5,000 a year by the adjustment. All of the other executive officers suffer. The higher rates of cut affect those highest paid, the lower rates those working for salaries under \$200 a month.

The cut will affect between 1,700 and 1,800 employees. They were notified some weeks ago of the new wage scale.

President Underwood said that, in comon with other railroads, the Erie had less business than it had several months ago and considerably less than the same time last year, when there were complaints that cars could not be built fast enough to meet the demands both in the freight and passenger service. In the last three month the railroads all over the country had been experiencing a gradual reversal of the conditions of last year,

"Broadly stated," he said, "it may be said that the new schedule affects all classes of our employees earning over \$60 a month except those with whom we have con-, tracts, such as the engineers, firemen. trainmen, conductors and telegraphers. It is a question of lowering wages or laying off more people. We have had to lop off here and there among our force several times aiready and there are a large number of records who have been thrown idle through the slackening of trade and therefore of the demand for men. We do not wish this state of affairs, but we cannot prevent it."

On behalf of the Trunk Line Association was said that on one road alone 2,300 fewer cars were in use yesterday than on the same day last year.

#### KILLS NUN AT HOSPITAL DOOR. Insane Man Shoots Down Sister Who Had Nursed Him When III.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24. + Gustaf Wirth, a marine fireman, 33 years old, shot and instantly killed Sister Theresa in the entrance of St. Mary's Hospital this morning. He was arrested.

It is believed that he is insone and has been for a vecr or more. He told Chief lensen that the doctors and nurses of St. Mary's Hospital had tried to poison and hypnotize him

It is believed that Wirth had intended o kill Dr. W. E. Fox, acting surgeon of the 'nited States Marine Hospital, which has a ward in St. Mary's. Wirth had recently threatened the doctor, also Dr. Mcl inley, and Orderly McDowell. Mr. Fox entered the hospital from the rear to-day as Wirth rang the front doorbell. Sister Cecilia answered the ring: "You aren't the one want to see," said Wirth. Sister Theresa. then went to the door. At the sight of her Wirth cried. "You're the one I'm looking for," and shot her three times

#### TO REPLACE RUNAWAY AIRSHIP. The Ville de Paris Being Tested as Successor to La Patrie.

ecial Cable Despatch to Tun Sun Pagis; Dec 24. After being tested by the military authorities in the neighbor hood of Moisson, near Paris, the dirigible balloon Ville de Paris, which is owned by Henri do la Meurthe, started for Verdan at 9:15 this morning with favorable weather. It passed over Meaux, twenty-seven mile porth-northeast of Paris, at 11:03 and repassed Meanx at 12:45, going in the direc-

tion of Paris. The balloon may take the place in the French frontier service which the lost La Patrie was to have taken.

When the balloon was fifty-six miles from Paris the wind, which had been blowing from the southwest, veered to the east and became so strong that it was found impossible to reach Verdun before night Consequently the balloon returned. The cutward voyage was made in three and one-half hours and the return in one and

#### BIG INCREASE IN DESTITUTION. State Board of Charities Reports Four

Times the Usual Number of Cases. ALBANY, Dec. 21 .- At the office of the State Board of Charities statistics received from many organizations besides the county and town poor authorities indicate commitments to poor houses and public institutions of various sorts of persons out of work and unable to care for themselves of four times the aggregate of other years at this season. Increases in the number of the needy are shown particularly in the figures received from New York city. Gains in the total of commitments are also noticed from the western part of the State. There is no such increase shown in the figures from the central sections of New York or

the financial disturbances. Mrs. Russell Sage was among recent allers at the department of the State Board of Charities. Mrs. Sage called to inform herself the better of what was being done through the great centre authority in the State's charitable work.

from the rural districts. The increases are

ascribed to the business reaction following

#### BLUE FLAME IN SUBWAY. It Burned Badly Printer O'Brien, Whe Was Sitting Over It.

Joseph W. O'Brien, a printer living at 811 Tremont avenue, The Bronx, boarded a northbound subway train at the Fortysecond street station at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and parting his conttails dropped down on a side seat right over one of the electric radiators. The train was just pufling into the Fiftieth street station when O'Brien yelied and sprang

from his seat, slapping himself behind. The wickerwork of the seat was ablaze and blue flame was durting up from the radiator. Several passengers wont to O'Brien's assistance, while the guards beat out the fire in the car seat. The radiator had short circuited and burned out. The car was well filled with passengers, and for a few seconds there was a lot of excitement

O'Brien left the car at the Fiftieth sireet. station. An ambulance took him to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was said that he was

# Gone to Help Bryan Hunt.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 24.-Gov. Campbell left to-day for Lake Surprise, where he will be joined by William Jennings Bryan tomorrow for a week's hunting. Gov. Campbell took two bear guns and he hopes Col. Bryan will get a shot at a bear.

MANY CATTLE TOO DROWN WHEN BARGE TAKES IN WATER.

She Lists and the Deck Pens Give Way -Some That Didn't Go Overboard Brown on the Lower Beck-Hard Work for the Beef Savers at the Finish of It.

Somewhere in New York Bay, between South Brooklyn and Jersey and between the Battery and the Atlantic Ocean, are a few hundred sheep and a hundred or so of cattle, floating about and drifting ashore at the whim of current and tide. By this time some of them may have started for the broad Atlantic.

The chain of events which led up to the sprinkling of beef and mutton over the waters of the bay began early yesterday morning when the cattle float or barge No. 500 of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company started from the railroad's stock yards at Jersey City to the yards of the United Dressed Beef Company at the foot of Forty-third street, Brooklyn, with 1,800 head of sheep and 365 head of cattle. The float was towed by the railroad's tug Gene-

About 4 o'clock in the morning, off Thirtysixth street, South Brooklyn, the float for some reason began to list badly, and in a moment both tug and fleat were in danger of capsizing.

"Cut the lines!" shouted Capt. Eddie Shoales of the float to Capt. Eddie Simms of the Genesee, which was done. The float had already shipped a large amount of water, which was pouring in on the frightened animals on the lower deck.

"Co to Forty-third street and tell the railroad to send help!" shouted ('apt. Eddie Shoales to Capt. Eddie Simms; and the

Genesee steamed away at top speed. The crew of the cattle float consists of ne man, the captain, so Cap'n Eddie Shoales was alone with the terrified cattle and sheep-and the float was still listing badly and taking in more water. The water was driving the sheep and cattle to one side, and they were pretty well packed in at that: the first thing Cap'n Eddie knew the slate at the after end of the pens were coming loose or were broken through, and the float in its drifting was leaving behind it a wake of bleating, bawling, swimming, drowning creatures, while in the pens of the lower deck the only safety for the brutes from the water was secured by climbing on the mass of already drowning brutes.

Pennsylvania tugboat No. 14 came along and wanted to know what was the matter. On finding out, she picked up No. 500 with its cargo, with its dead and dying and with Capt. Eddie Shoales, and towed it all the way up to Arbuckle's stores A bridge was hastily thrown together

and the task of saving what could be saved of the living cargo was begun. The sheep weren't so very hard to handle-some 900 were pulled out of the two decks of the float and corralled near by. But when it came to the cattle it was a different matter Capt. Frenk Gripp, who elternates with

Capt. Eddie Shoales in command of No. 500. was on the job by this time, and the pair of them with what help could be secured tried to get out the cattle. A derrick was rigged up and a sling finally got around a steer. He was hoisted out of the water and then began to make things interesting on land. we men went down before he was finally subdued and attention could be given to the

His successor was little easier to get along with-a terrified steer is about the limit according to the evidence of those who did the work yesterday morning. In fact, these men aver that each steer was a little worse than the one that came before him. And still the dead were being crowded out of the broken pens and were floating out into the river.

When every living thing had been lifted out of the float it was found that ninety-two of the 365 cattle had been saved. The beef company couldn't very well identify the hipment, so the ninety-two cattle and the 600 sheep were reloaded on another float and

taken back to Jersey City. Then No. 500 was towed to Crane's dry dock at the foot of Forty-third street and all the way down bodies of sheep and cattle would rise to the level of the gap and float out and away. But there are still many dead brutes in the float-perhaps half of them are still there; no one can tell just how many have been given to the waters of the harbor until the barge is raised. For she is now lying in 19 feet of water with only her upper deck showing.

### WHAT THE "LID" DID IN ST. LOUIS. Sunday Law Enforcement Causes 700 Saloons to Quit Business.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 24,-Thomas E. Mulvihill, State Excise Commissioner, this afternoon gave out a statement showing the effect of the enforcement of the Sunday closing statute in this city, where the police board and license officials were appointed by Gov. Joseph W. Eoth, the real author of the Sunday "lid."

Commissioner Mulvihill says that 300 more St. Louis saloons will close when their licenses expire January 1, making 700 saloons driven out of business here in three years by the enforcement of the Sunday closing law. He says that 250 lid lifting clubs, which sprang up to replace Sunday closed saloons, have also been closed, only

twenty-five now remaining. One thousand five hundred of the 2,300 salcons here, he says, are not paying inrestments since the removal of card tables. betting rings and wine rooms as the result of the rigid enforcement of the statutes.

"The time has come," says Commissione Mulvihill, "when it does not pay to conduct a dramshop here on a small scale. Only the large saloons in the business district are paying the profits expected by men who will conduct saloons."

# Steamship Attached on a \$1,000,000 Claim The steamship Regina d'Italia of the Lloyd

Sabaudo Societa Animima di Navigazione lying at the foot of Grand street, Jersey City, has been attached by Sheriff John C Kaiser's men on a writ issued out of the Hudson Circuit Court at the instance of Hugh Laing, agent of Sir James Laing & Sons Limited, shipbuilders of Sunderland, on a claim amounting to \$1,067,699.66. The ship is valued at \$200,000. The claim is said to be a belance due for the construction of

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## NO TREE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. A LANDFRAUD INDICTMENTS VOID dulet Christmas Planned for Members of the President's Family.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Christmas Day at the White House will be celebrated without formelity by the President and the members of his family, no guests except relatives being expected to share in the festivities. In the morning the members of the President's family will enjoy the distribution of presents in the library, but there will be no Christmas tree. The President's children, including Mrs. Nichsfas Longworth, his oldest daughter, will spend the day at home. Mrs. Longworth has recovered from the recent operation for appendicitis and was able to walk about the White House to-day.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will probably go out into the country for a sorseback ride to-morrow afternoon. In the evening the President and his family will dine at the usual hour, and a savory dish will be made of one of the fat possume sent to Mr. Roosevelt by Mrs. Longstreet,

widow of the Confederate General. Loads of gifts have reached the White House in the last two days, packages having been delivered almost hourly by the express ompanies and by messenger.

President Roosevelt to-day followed the custom established at the White House some years ago of giving to each of the married policemen and to other employees about the White House a turkey for his Christmas dinner. Thirty-five or forty turkeys were distributed to-day

## FORAKER'S RETORT COURTEOUS. Says Burton Might Be Supposed to Have

Suffered a Disappointment. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24. Senator Foraket o-day answered the statement issued resterday by Congressman Furton of Cleveland which accuses the Secutor of insincerity and desire to embarrass Secretary Taft. Senator Foraker's snawer was brief. He says:

"If one did not know it he would think from what Mr. Burton says that he had suffered some great disappointment."

Mr. Foraker admitted that his answer might be translated to mean that Mr. Burton was sore over his recent defeat for Mayor of Cleveland by Tom Johnson.

Mr. Feraker had a steady stream of callers to-day and when he was not meeting visitors he was answering long distance telephone calls. To-day's scenes at the Senator's law offices certainly indicated anything but a waning of interest in the senator and his affairs. He said this evening that he was about worn out with the day.

# GENERAL SILLOWAYE NOW.

## Ancient Impostor Has Promoted Himself and Seeks Notice.

The Charity Organization Society will not be surprised to hear that "Col. W. A. H. has been brevetted Brigadier-General by himself and has come forward again with his oft told romances. He is penniless, as always, and is willing to participate in whatever good things are

going to-day. He says he is now 95 years old. He sent word to the Police Headquarters reporters last night that he would like to see them at 138 Waverley place, and he told once more how he had saved President Lincoln's life which he didn't.

His is a curious history of imposture. He is a printer who in his youth imposed on several newspapers with pirated verses. At one time he declared himself to be the only genuine author of "Beautiful Snow, Publishers here threatened criminal proceedings against him for selling them as original matter borrowed from English publications and he thereupon sent to the Evening Post a statement that Col. Sillowave had blown out his brains on Bloomingdale

He has been in the Tombs prison and was driven out of Boston by exposures in 1895. A bogus letter from President McKinley is one achievement credited to him. Once he called himself Sigourney, passing as Mrs. Sigourney's nephew.

### STRIKE HURT MRS. RORER. Experience of McDougail Hawkes in Running a Restaurant.

McDougell Hawkes, who was receiver for the restaurant of Mrs. Sarah T. Rorer, 55 New street and 42 Broadway, until December 12, when the bankruptcy petition against her was dismissed, has filed his report in the clerk's office of the United States Dis. trict Court. The receipts were \$17,412 and the disbursements \$15,981. There are claims still unpaid of \$4.452, and claims for tips by striking waiters. Mr. Hawkes operated the restaurant for seventy-eight days. Up to the time of the strike of waiters on October 21 the business was profitable and it would have continued so but for the strike, since which it has never fully recovered. At the same time the financial conditions and panic which shook Well Street during October and November contributed to some extent to the falling of in business, many patrons being persons in some way connected with banking business and other financial institutions. The daily receipts varied between \$100 and \$517.

## SAN GABRIEL FOREST LARGER. Additions Aggregating 78,000 Acres Made by President's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Two additions. aggregating 78,000 acres, were made to the San Gabriel National Forest in southern California by the President's proclamation to-day. The additions consist of lands lying on the slopes and foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and protecting the stream flow on the territory known as the San Gabriel watershed, on which Pasadena, Pemona, San Bernardino and a number of smaller towns are dependent for a

water supply. The damage from fire always is serious in this region and the forest service plans to build fire lines and trails through the new additions which will aid materially in preventing serious fires. On one of the adfitions there are about 15,000 acres of woodland which will contribute to the fuel supply of the region.

Inese additions will bring the total area of the San Cabriel National Forest up to 633,295 acres.

Prof. Agassiz to Study Fish in Africa.

Boston, Dec. 24.-Alexander Agassiz is soon to visit eastern central Africa, landing in Mombasa and proceeding into the interior as far as Victoria Nyanza. He will be mpanied by Max Agassiz and William McM. Woodworth. His purpose is to study the marine life of the great African lake and the ethnology of the region. Mr. Agassiz will start January t.

U. S. JUDGE HOLDS THAT NO CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

That Entries and Sales Heretofore Held- to Be Fraudulent Are Valid -Will Appeal to Supreme Court.

DENVER, Dec. 24.-Judge Robert E. Lewis in the United States District Court this morning quashed the indictments in the Colorado timber and land cases and indicated that he would take the same action in the coal land cases.

The opinion is declared to be revolutionary by the Government officials, and Attorney-General Bonaparte was telegraphed to for permission to appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The decision was given in the cases of the officials of the New Mexico and Pagosa Lumber companies, and the ruling of the Court frees some of the wealthiest and most preminent citizens of Colorado.

While it was also a forerunner of the quashing of practically every indictment cured by the Government for alleged fraudulent coal and timber land entries in Colorado, Government officials declare they will continue their investigations and their efforts to secure further indictments in the belief that the Supreme Court will not sustain Judge Lewis.

Judge Lewis in his opinion said: "How can we say that it is a criminal fraud for an intended qualified entryman after his application to contract to sell in future the lands he has made application for with an honest purpose to acquire and to obtain from his prospective purchaser the funds to make payment? Such contract has been held valid when made even, before the vendor had entered or nade application "

Judge Lewis further declared that the acts charged were not prohibited in the timber and stone act and added: "We cannot by construction hold the acts to be changed in violation of said statute, and therefore illegal or unlawful for the purpose of constituting the fraud denounced by section 5410."

The Court further holds that the entrynen are not alleged to have been dis qualified to act as such; also that the crime charged "rust be violative of both the

words and of the spirit and of the policy of the statute." He expressly declined to be bound by

civil case rulings.

As to the duplicity charged, the Court olds that if there is no duplicitiousi charge when the one crime of conspiracy, which is alleged to have begun in August, 1899, is barred by the statute of imitation. Judge Lewis concludes: "Therefore if we take the first view the

charge is duplicitous, and if the second, prosecution is barred. The dilemma reniers the indictment bad. The motion and demurrer are sustained," The decision. Federal attorneys say, is in direct variance with the policy of the United States Land Office and if sustained vill mean a revolution in the acquisition of public lands. The ruling does not affect

Judge Lewis's ruling if applied will coninue title to the Government lands in the parties who now control them. In effect the ruling is that it is not a crime or violation of law to purchase land after application for entry is made, which was

the equity suits brought by the Govern-

ment, but attorneys in those cases say that

the basis of the conspiracy charge in all these cases. "The Court recognizes the illegality and criminality of dealing with prospective entrymen prior to applications," said Attorney Knaebel, "inasmuch as the statute itself is explicit on that point. The decision on other points is contrary to the holdings of the Interior Department and raises questions of such importance that it will be carried to the Supreme Court to

settle the issues involved for all time. "This decision calls a halt, in land fraud prosecutions in Colorado until the Supreme Court passes on the cases and means the quashing of indictments against sixty or more defendants indicted for alleged coal land frauds."

# TOM JOHNSON'S FRANK THREAT. Plans for City to Ruin Electric Company

and Then Buy It. CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.-Mayor Tom L Johnson to-day declared that his administration would bend its energies to bring about a municipal monopoly of electric lighting in Cleveland. That legislation empowering the city to enter the field will be sought in the General Assembly this winter and that he plans to make eventually the city owner of the Cleveland Illuminating Company by merger with the city's little electric lighting plant, once owned by the village of South Brooklyn. which was annexed to Cleveland some time ago, was announced by the Mayor to Samuel Scoville, manager of the Cleveland Illuminating Company

He summoned Scoville to the City Hall to ask his signature to a written consent that the General Electric Company might hid on supplies wanted by the city for its

electric plant. "Why?" asked Scoville, whose company s said to have the General Electric Company so tightly held by contracts it could not bid in Cleveland without consent.

'We're going to have a municipally owned plant covering-the entire city." said Mayor Johnson. "Eventually we will "Why not buy it now?"

"Oh, I believe competition will make it cheaper for us to buy you out, so we will spread the Brooklyn plant for a time. We will seek legislation and then will compete with you and finally buy you."

Southern Man to Speak of Lincoln Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.-The Union eague Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., has in vited Bishop Charles B. Galloway to speak at its Abraham Lincoln birthday celebration February 12. The Bishop is a great admirer of Lincoln and would treat his subject from the standpoint of the fore-

# Drowned in His Diving Suit.

inkers of the South.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 .- D. J. Hamilton, a diver at work at Fort William, Ontario, was engaged on the G. T. R. bridge at West Fort, ear Fort William. to-day and was many feet below the surface. His diving dress burst in some way and he was drowned. | get

# STORM OF CHRISTMAS CARDS. | BROWNSON OUT; RIXEY WINS Post Office Ploughing Through a Drift of

Postmaster Morgan said yesterday that up to 3 o'clock in the afternoon the day' sale of stamps had reached \$90,000, of which the larger part were one cent stamps The large sale of one cent stamps is due to the millions of Christmas post cards sent out. The uptown stations were badly congested by these cards, and Postmaste organ sent over 200 expert assorters and special carriers from the General Post Office to their assistance. More than 100 axtra wagons will be put in requisition for to-day's delivery. There will be two deliveries to-day, as Mr. Morgan thinks that is the only way to attain any degree of promptness, in the delivery of packages especially.

## DAVIS AND THE HOME TRUST. Arkansas Buster Keeps Appointments is His Family.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas, who denounced the trusts with such vehemence a week after he was sworn in as Senator, has put himself on record as being not opposed to the family trust in matters of patronage. The Senato found at his disposal as a Senator after he took the oath two small appointments, one a private secretary at \$1,800, the other a laborer at 1900 a year. He conferred

the appointments on his two daughters. Some of the colleagues of the Arkanse trust buster have suggested the advisability of increasing the latter's quota of patronage, as Mr. Davis has six other children not provided with appointment

#### THE POPE RECEIVES CARDINALS Talks on Canon Law, the Vulgate and Re ligious Instruction-In Good Health.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Dec. 24.-At noon to-day the Pope gave audience to the members of the Sacred College, including the six Cardinals he created a few days ago, for the customary Christmas greetings. Contrary to usage the Pope did not make a speech, but he conversed familiarly with the Cardinals on the subjects of the codification of the canon law, the revision of the Vulgate and religious instruction in schools.

The Pope's health is excellent. He will spend to-morrow in his sisters' company.

## LAYING RAILS FOR A BONUS. Company Will Get \$120,000 if It Completes 26 Miles by January 1.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.-The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad is attempting to lay twenty-six miles of track before January 1 for a stake of \$120,000 in bonds. The bonds are payable if the road is completed between Wichita, Kan., and the Red River, a distance of 273 miles, before

January 1. The completion of the line to the Red River will put in operation the system from Wichita south to the Texas line, a distance of 273 miles. Besides, ninety miles of the system is in operation in Texas and ap-This is proximately 350 miles in Mexico. n addition to the operation of the Chihuahua and Pacific line, 125 miles, which forms a part of the Orient system.

# SHORE, HE'S WELL FIXED. lieged Pickpocket Shows \$14,000 Worth

of Visible Means. Charles Shore, alias Joseph Frank, who the police say is a well known pickpocket, was arrested on Monday afternoon at the Fourteenth street entrance to the subway by Detective Cain of the Central Office. He was charged with having no visible means of support, but when arraigned in the Tombs police court vesterday he astonished Magistrate Droege by producing eight bank books showing a total deposit of

\$14,000. "You own all that money?" eskel the Magistrate.

# "I do, your Honor," was the answe Shore was at once discharge t. TEDDY BEAR CRAZE IS OVER.

Animals and to Dolls. When the department stores closed last night and most of the stock in the toy departments was exhausted by the Chris mas rush there were still lots of Teddy bears in sight. The craze for 'em is over, and the stores and factories are loaded up with a stock of them that will probably soon adorn

the bargain counters.

The Little Folk Returning to Other Stuffed

Teddy bears may still be seen in the arms of youngsters who like then, but they are smart no tonger. Girls who forsook dolls for the furry beasts are going back to their original preference and their shall brothe s are taking kindly to stuffed buildogs with ferocious muzzled jaws, fox terriers with sawdust hearts, monkeys, rabbits, elephants and the like. Any sort of a stuffed animal, in fact, except bear has had a good sale this winter. The youngsters simply have had enough of Teddy bears and are taking

# up comething else. JAIL AND FINE FOR DRAMATIST.

Italian Theatre Trust Head. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN TURIN. Dec. 24.-Giannino Traversi, the crominent novelist and dramatist, has been sentenced to fifteen months imprison-

Giannino Traversi Convicted of Libel

ment and to pay a fine of \$500 for libel. There has been a flerce controversy for early a year between the Society of Authors and Playwrights and the theatrical trust which is consolidating throughout Italy. Signor Ricardi, the head of the trust, sued Signor Traversi for defamation of char-

## acter arising from this fight. BEWARD FOR TOBACCO BURNERS. Gov. Willson Begins Campaign to Punish

Kentucky Raiders. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 24.-Gov. Willson to-day offered rewards for the arrest and conviction of the night riders who participated in the raid on Hopkinsville. As there were 250 men in the raid the reward amounts to \$15,000

A demand will be made that the State pay the Italian Government 315,000 for the tobacco owned by it that was destroyed. Adjutant-General Johnston returned from Hopkineville to-day and reported that he had collected much evidence to submit to the special Grand Jury.

#### Fifty Convicts Freed for Christmas. Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.-Gov. Campbell

day gave Christmas gift pardons to fifty State penitentiary convicts. Most of the convicts were long term men. They were released this evening so they could get home for Christmas.

## PRESIDENT SUPPORTED SURGEON IN NAVY DISPUTE.

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Head of Bureau of Navigation Quit Hecause Plan of Putting Surgeon in Coinmand of a Ship Was Approved Over

His Objection-Whalew New Chief. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-As a result of official differences with President Roosevelt Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson to-day resigned from the office of Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, the most important place in the naval establishment. The President and Admiral Brownson have been close friends for many years. Admiral Brownson has been a house guest at Sagamore Hill and was frequently at the White

House in a social and unofficial way. The extent to which the President and Admiral Brownson have been disturbed by their official differences is not known, but it is declared by acquaintances of the Admiral that the latter has said that there would be no break in their pleasant intimacy.

The trouble between Mr. Roosevelt and Admiral Brownson was due primarily to recommendation by Rear Admiral Presley M. Rixey, the Surgeon-General of the Navy, that the hospital ship Relief be fitted and attached to the Atlantic fleet when it reached the Pacific Coast, where the Relief is now. Admiral Rixey urged that the Relief be placed in command of a naval surgeon with certain officers of the merchant service as his subordinates and that the crew be composed of regularly en-

listed blue jackets of the Navy. President Roosevelt liked the idea and the plans for carrying it out progressed so far that Surgeon Charles F. Stokes was ordered to prepare to take command of Against this course Admiral Brownson

protested. He contended that it was improper to have a staff efficer, and a surgeon at that, in command of a vessel in commission. This was contrary to practice and would interfere seriously with dis-cipline, he held. The slightest knowledge of the feeling in the line of the navy against permitting staff officers to exercise positive command will be sufficient to show how seriously this question was viewed by Admiral Brownson.

Matters came to a climax yesterday President Roosevelt told Admiral Brownson that he had decided to adhere to the plan proposed by Surgeon-General Rixey. who is the White House physician, and would assign a naval surgeon to command the Relief. Thereupon Admiral Brownson, who is noted for frankness, declared, it is said, that as the President apparently had lost confidence in the judgment of the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation the matter could be simplified by getting a new chief who would be willing to carry out the President's policy to place staff

Scers in command of naval vessels. Admiral Brownson handed his resignation to Secretary of the Navy Metcalf today, and with it a long statement of his reasons for wishing to retire from activo duty. Mr. Metcalf took the letter of resignation and the statement to the White House this afternoon. The resignation was accepted immediately and the President designated Commander Cameron M Ree Winslow as acting Chief of the Bure of Navigation. Commender Winslow will be nominated for the office of chief when the Sensta convenes after the holidays.

No official explanation is forthcomiof the reasons for Admiral Brownson ; resignation. At the White House the was marked reticence. Admiral Brow son said to-right that he had submitted his receons for resigning in a statemer which the President had received and the it was for the White House to say what's that statement should be made publi He declined to tell the substance of to st teramt or to make any comment wh ever on his cetion. He denied, however that his resignation had been due to ariciem of his retention of the office of Co of the Burent of Navigation after he but

and the age limit of active service. The position taken by Admiral Brow con is bound to be supported by line office a of the navy with practical unanimity. The incident will tend to revive the old at 1 bliter wariars between the line and the engineer corps which was ended only through the expedient of transferring this engineers to the line. It never has been contended, however, that naval surgeon; were entitled to commend, although is the army every surgeon or other state

officer has positive rank. To Surgeon-General Rixey's influence the President's decision to overrule Admiral Brownson is attributed among navy men Admiral Rixey, whom many line officers decline to recognize as an Admiral an I insist on referring to as Doctor-this being another ramification of the line and the staff controversy-has been Surgeon-General and Chief of the Naval Bureau of Medicine and Surgery since February, 1903, and as such has served as the official physician at the White House. He has accompanied

the President on nearly all his hunting and speechmaking trips. The criticism to which Admiral Brownson referred has been heard in the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs since Congress

For the last five months Admiral Brownson has endeavored to surrender the duties of Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. He reached the retirement age, 62 years, on July 8, but contrary to his wishes Roosevelt retained him as chief of the bureau. Admiral Brownson contended that the continuance of a retired officer on setive duty as a bureau chief was contrary to the law, which provided that no retired staff officer should be employed in that manner. This view was combated on the ground that Admiral Brownson was a line officer and the statute therefore did not apply to him. President Roosevelt retain under a recess appointment and when Congress convened sent his nomination to the Senate. There was some criticism of the President's action in the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, to which the pomination

was referred. In deference to the objection of Admiral Brownson to being retained as Chief of the Navigation Bureau, Secretary of the Navy Metcalf referred his case to the Judge Advocate-General of the Navy, who rendered an opinion recently that a line officer could retain office as chief of a navy department bureau after he had reached the retirement age. This, however, did not satisfy Ad-